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DEPT PASS HORN OF AFRICA COLLECTIVE

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MOPS, ET  
SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN COLUMN REACHES ASMARA

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1. NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY OPERATIONS COMMAND (NROC) COMMUNIQUE ON AMHARIC RADIO AT 2000Z JULY 27 ANNOUNCED "A REVOLUTIONARY FORCE TODAY OPENED THE ROAD TO ASMARA WHICH HAD BEEN BLOCKED BY GUERILLAS."

2. OPERATION WAS A LINKUP OF 503 TASK FORCE MOVING NORTH FROM ADI UGRI AND 506 TASK FORCE MOVING SOUTH FROM ASMARS.

3. NROC COMMUNIQUE CLAIMED THAT FOLLOWING LOCATIONS HAD BEEN LIBERATED: ENDAYGIORGIS; ABARK; RAMA; ADIKUWALA; DAROTEKLAI; AND ADIKA.

4. NROC COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDED WITH STATEMENT THAT "NATO LIGHT AND HEAVY WEAPONS, ANTI-TANK MISSILES, LAUNCHERS,  
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PROVISIONS, HASHISH AND STOLEN PROPERTY" HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY ETHIOPIAN FORCES.

5. ETHIOPIAN MILITARY SUCCESS IN EFFECTING LAND LINKUP WITH ASMARA, WHICH HAS BEEN ISOLATED UNDER SEIGE EXCEPT BY AIR FOR ALMOST A YEAR, IS A MAJOR MILITARY AND POLITICAL FEAT FOR ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT.

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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED HORN OF AFRICA COLLECTIVE.

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